



The Noticeboard

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Welcome to the Newsletter of RSA Queenstown

Newsletter

Hello Members. We are over the “shortest day” and heading back to more sun and daylight. However first we need a good snow season for the local businesses to get some relief from the economic horrors the tourism industry is experiencing. I’m not going to say much about the economy, COVID19, the initial delight of “getting rid” and then the annoyance of “getting it back in the country” as we have all had too much of that talk and news... one thing that does deserve a mention is the great work done by members to help the older members and community over the “lock down, Lyall Mc Gregor, Marie and Rex Hawthorne have been delivering groceries, firewood and kindling. I know there are others out there who have also done great work, sorry I don’t have your names – but a big thanks.

The Gallipoli Room Re-Opens

It was a great evening in the Gallipoli Room, enjoyed by quite a large crowd of members on Friday 12 June. We all enjoyed the occasion of catching up and returning to our “normal” Friday social. The “President’s Shout” on the bar was very well enjoyed as were all the nibbles and food a big thank you to Sally and Phil for their effort on getting us back together. The bus system is also still free, I guess that could change any day but an unusual “gift” from local authorities.





Many will have seen that the Airforce has been put in charge of Quarantine processes. This photo was taken of Air Commodore Digby Webb when he gave a speech in the Memorial Centre for our 2018 ANZAC service

AGM Finally Held

The (adjourned) 2020 AGM was finally held on Sunday 28 June. It was pleasing to see 24 members attend, which for an SGM, is a good number. Members will recall the original AGM was scheduled for March but it had to be adjourned until we arrived at Level one of the COVID19 alert programme. The new Executive Committee are:

President: Phil Wiel
Vice President: Wayne Gaudin
Treasurer: Murial Vargara
Secretary: Maryann Geddes

Committee

Marie Hawthorne Ron Nind
Rex Hawthorne Kay Edwards
Alicia McBeth Ange Whipp
Sally Lake

Contact phone numbers and email addresses of all the Executive Committee will be placed on the notice board in the Gallipoli Room. The Social Committee will be organising a trip in Spring, so any members with an idea or suggestion please contact Sally Lake. "Plate Night" was discussed and it was agreed that we would continue the extended bar hours (5.00pm – 9.00pm) on the third Friday of the month but "Plate Night" will drop back to once every two months and we will see if that is popular with members.

Artistic RSA members



Sally Lake with her gorgeous ANZAC DAY wreath on exhibition at the Queenstown Arts Centre on the corner of Ballarat and Stanley streets. Other RSA members; Marion Marquand, Sue Wademan and Spike Wademan have their creations, made during LOCKDOWN in the exhibition too. The Arts Centre has curated more than 40 artists work, young and old, into this Covid crazy time exhibition, so come and see what they have been doing in Lockdown. Arts Centre is open (most days) between 10 and 4pm , except for Monday, till July 10, 2020

A Notice From RNZRSA National Office



Commemorate New Zealand's involvement in the Korean war ... Join the official event online

This week we commemorate the 70th anniversary of The Korean War.

New Zealand's involvement in the Korean War began in 1950 as a response to the United Nations Security Council's call for combat assistance in the erupting Korean War. New Zealand was one of the first (of a total of sixteen) nations to respond with support. Of the 110,000 front line troops from the UK, India, South Africa, Canada, Australia, South Korean.

Because a peace treaty to end this conflict has never been signed technically this war has not ended hence we mark the beginning of the Korean war.

The national commemoration marking the 70th anniversary of the start of the Korean War is being held at Pukeahu National War Memorial Park on Wednesday 1 July, and as part of the RNZRSA commitment to remembrance, we will be broadcasting the event live on Facebook. Join us to remember New Zealand's involvement in "the forgotten war " by heading to our Facebook page to get a reminder when we go live.

The History Place™

This Month in History

June

June 4, 1944 - During World War II in Europe, Rome was liberated by the U.S. 5th Army, led by General Mark Clark. Rome had been declared an open city by German Field Marshal Albert Kesselring amid Allied concerns the Germans might stage a Stalingrad-style defense that would devastate the historic 'Eternal' city.

June 6, 1944 - D-Day, the largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. Operation Overlord took months of planning and involved 1,527,000 soldiers in 47 Allied divisions along with 4,400 ships and landing craft, and 11,000 aircraft. The Germans had about 60 divisions spread along France and the Low Countries. American forces landed on two western beaches, Utah and Omaha, while British and Canadian troops landed farther east on Gold, Juno and Sword beaches. By the end of the day 150,000 Allied soldiers and their accompanying vehicles had landed with 15,000 killed and wounded.

June 10, 1942 - In one of the most infamous single acts of World War II in Europe, all 172 men and boys over age 16 in the Czech village of Lidice were shot by Nazis in reprisal for the assassination of SS leader Reinhard Heydrich. The women were deported to Ravensbrück concentration camp where most died. Ninety young children were sent to the concentration camp at Gneisenau, with some later taken to Nazi orphanages if they were German looking. The village was then completely leveled until not a trace remained.

June 11, 1994 - After 49 years, the Soviet military occupation of East Germany ended. At one time there had been 337,800 Soviet troops stationed in Germany. Over 300,000 Russians died during World War II in the Battle for Berlin.

Birthday - Anne Frank (1929-1945) was born in Frankfurt, Germany. She is perhaps the best known victim of the Nazi Holocaust. Anne and her family moved from Germany to Amsterdam to flee Nazi persecution, then went into hiding in a small attic after Holland was invaded by Nazis. Anne, a girl on the verge of womanhood, was unable to go outside for any reason. In 1942, she began a diary to cope with the boredom, fear, annoyances, and loneliness of captivity. Her family's hiding place was eventually discovered and Anne and her family were deported to Nazi concentration camps. She contracted typhus and died at Bergen-Belsen in 1945. After the war, her father published her diary, which inspired the world, revealing a young woman who had managed to remain hopeful, despite it all.

June 22, 1941 - Starting at 3:15 am, some 3.2 million German soldiers plunged headlong into Russia across an 1800-mile front, in a major turning point of World War II. At 7 am that morning, a proclamation from Hitler to the German people announced, "At this moment a march is taking place that, for its extent, compares with the greatest the world has ever seen..."

June 24, 1948 - Soviet Russia began a blockade of Berlin. Two days later the Allies responded with an emergency airlift to relieve two million isolated West Berliners. During the Berlin Airlift, American and British planes flew about 278,000 flights, delivering 2.3 million tons of food, coal and medical supplies. A plane landed in Berlin every minute from eleven Allied staging areas in West Germany. The Russians lifted their blockade of Berlin on May 12, 1949, however the airlift continued until September 30th.

June 25, 1950 - The Korean War began as North Korean troops, led by Russian-built tanks, crossed the 38th parallel and launched a full scale invasion of South Korea. Five days later, U.S. ground forces entered the conflict, which lasted until July 27, 1953, when an armistice was signed at Panmunjom, formally dividing the country at the 38th parallel into North and South Korea.

June 28, 1914 - Archduke Francis Ferdinand, Crown Prince of Austria and his wife were assassinated at Sarajevo, touching off a conflict between the Austro-Hungarian government and Serbia that escalated into World War I.

June 28, 1919 - The signing of the Treaty of Versailles formally ended World War I. According to the terms, Germany was assessed sole blame for the war, forced give up Alsace-Lorraine and overseas colonies, and pay reparations of \$15 Billion. The treaty also prohibited German rearmament.

Any comments or questions then please do contact Maryann Geddes, Secretary. In person or via email
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